

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Third Sunday of Lent

14/15 March 2020

Holy Eucharist: Rite I & Rite II

5.30pm, 8am, 10am



JESUS MAFA. Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

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Welcome to St. Thomas'!

We are pleased you have come to worship with us today! St. Thomas' welcomes all regardless of age, abilities, physical or mental health, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender identity, income, education, political affiliation or faith commitment. The things which bind us are greater than the things that separate us, and the love of God is greater than all our divisions.

Children are welcome at all services. If you would prefer a more child-oriented service for your little one during the 10am hour, Children's Chapel is offered in the upper level of the Parish Hall.

We extend a special welcome to **Rowan students!** We are here to support you in your journey during this season of life. Say hello to our clergy or others: we would like to invite you out to lunch as our treat!

We understand the **Holy Eucharist**, also known as Communion, as participation in the Body of Christ. As such, it flows from the vows we have made in baptism. It is a weekly reminder and recommitment to continue in regular worship, to repent from evil, to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ, to seek and serve Christ in everyone, and to respect the dignity of every human being. All who seek Christ – of every age and tradition – are invited to share in Holy Communion.

You are invited to come to the altar rail to receive communion. You may either kneel or stand. If you prefer to receive a verbal blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest as a signal to the priest. If you are seeking a deeper knowledge of Christ, please speak to a clergy person after the service. We are here to accompany you on your journey.

In the communion chalice is wine: the fermented fruit of the vine. It is perfectly acceptable to abstain from the wine and receive the bread only. Your communion is complete in one kind. Please receive the bread in your open outstretched hands; receive the wine by holding the base of the chalice and guiding it to your lips. If you prefer to receive by intinction, simply leave the bread in your outstretched hand and a chalice bearer will dip the bread in the wine for you and place it on your tongue. Gluten-free bread is also available upon request.

Bathrooms are located in the Parish Hall.

The Holy Eucharist

Rite II (BCP 355): 5.30pm, 10am

We Gather in God's Name A Penitential Order (BCP 351)

The people stand as able.

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

***People:* His mercy endures for ever.**

Presider: Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

***People:* Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

***People:* Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord
your God.

***People:* Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

***People:* Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider: Honor your father and your mother.

***People:* Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider: You shall not commit murder.

***People:* Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider: You shall not commit adultery.

***People:* Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider: You shall not steal.

***People:* Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider: You shall not be a false witness.

***People:* Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

***People:* Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and
the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who
is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us
from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel or stand as able. Silence may be kept. Minister and People:

People: **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The people stand as able.

Kyrie	<i>Echo song (C/G)</i>	<i>arr. John Bell</i>
	Kyrie, eleison.	<i>trans:</i> Lord, have mercy.
	Christe, eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
	Kyrie, eleison.	Lord, have mercy.

The people stand as able.

Salutation

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

The people are seated.

The First Lesson Exodus 17:1-7

Bible 56

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95 *Venite, exultemus*

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.**
- 9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
“This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways.”**
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

The Second Lesson Romans 5:1-11

Bible 917

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

Sequence Anthem *Jesus, keep me near the cross* St. Thomas' Choir

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel John 4:5-42

Bible 864

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated.

The Homily

Jeannie Marcucci

Silence follows the homily.

We Respond in Faith

The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Today the response to “In the Name of Jesus, we pray” is

“Lord, graciously hear us.”

The people stand as able.

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Announcements

We Offer Ourselves To God

Offertory Anthem

It is Well With My Soul

St. Thomas' Choir

Offertory Hymn

Shepherd of souls

Hymnal 343

The people stand as able.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us.**

By his wounds, we are healed.

Presider: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider: Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People: We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

The Presider continues:

Presider: Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar and Keturah; Isaac and Rebecca; Jacob, Leah, Rachel, Zilpah and Bilhah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Presider: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People: AMEN.

Silence.

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S-119

People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

Hymnal S-161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts through faith,
with thanksgiving.

We Receive the Gift of God

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. See the note on the inside front cover to learn more about Holy Communion.

Communion Hymns *Rock of ages, cleft for me* Hymnal 685
 Come, thou fount Hymnal 686

The people stand as able.

The Sending of the Eucharistic Visitors

Deacon: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

The Post-communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

People: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer over the People

Deacon: In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used. So I invite you to Bow down before the Lord.

The presider prays over the people.

Processional Hymn *St. Patrick's Breastplate* Hymnal 370

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Easter Flower Memorials 2020

Please give this form and your donation for the flowers to any Altar Guild member or place them in the collection plate by March 29, 2020 so that all names can be included in the Easter bulletin. Please print clearly. Thank you!

Donor Name: _____

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Make all checks payable to *St. Thomas' Episcopal Church* and put *Easter Memorials* on the memo line.



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The Holy Eucharist

Rite I (BCP 323): 8.00am

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People:	Glory be to thee, O Lord.		
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People:	Praise be to thee, O Christ.		
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Announcements

The next six weeks the **Saturday afternoon adult formation** group will be engaging in a study of the **Psalms**. You are welcome to join us in the nave on Saturdays at 4.30pm, with Eucharist to follow!

Bring your appetite and favorite dish tonight (Sunday, 15 March) for a **Family Potluck Dinner** in the Parish Hall at 5 PM. Presentation by Jackie Jenkins, Barbara Jordan and the "Wonderful World of Quilting" to follow.

Dinner Church will not meet this week due to Rowan's Spring Break.

The next **Chat and Chew** is March 16th. We will meet at the Crab Trap Restaurant in Somers Point at 11:30. Some are planning to visit with Anna Marie Wilson before going to lunch. If you are going let Mary Esther know.

The next occasion provided by the Church for **baptisms** is the Easter Vigil, 11 April 2019. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child, see Father Todd immediately! Following Easter, we'll be looking toward Pentecost (31 May) and All Saints' (1 November) for future baptisms.

Please join us for the **Kitchen of Hope Community Service and Leadership Awards Banquet** at 4:00pm on March 22, at Masso's Crystal Ballroom as we honor eight local leaders including our own Kass Jones, Jacquie Jenkins and Barbara Jordan. Tickets are \$40 which includes the buffet dinner. You can get tickets from any KoH board member: Dcn John and Vivian Hanson, Eric Cephas, Becky Foster, Donna Freidel, Harold Lucius, Jim and Carlene McCarthy, or Stephanie Wolfgang.

Have you been thinking about joining the **St. Thomas' Choir**? Easter is coming up: our biggest choir performance of the year. Extra voices would be much appreciated. See one of our current choir members for more information! Rehearsals are on Thursday nights.

This year the Sunday School's **Love for Lent** collection will be going to the Samaritan Center. The collection will be taken throughout Lent until Noisy Can Sunday on April 19.

CALLING ALL COOKS, BAKERS AND CHEFS!

A new parish cookbook is in the works and we want your recipes for desserts, grilling, appetizers, side dishes, main courses and all things delicious!

If you wish to submit recipes, please include: full recipe description with ingredients, your name and recipe originator's name (if from a past St. Thomas member) to Sarah Ternay by March 29, 2020.

Submissions can be placed in Sarah's mailbox or sent to skternay@gmail.com

Proceeds from the sale of this cookbook will benefit Dinner Church Ministry



Lenten Offerings (all in the Nave):

Mon, 4.00pm: *Centering Prayer*

Wed, 7.00pm: *Tablet of Your Heart: A Lenten Prayer Journal*

Fri, 7.30pm: *Stations of the Cross*

This Week at St. Thomas'

Monday	3/16	4.00pm	Centering Prayer (Nave)
Tuesday	3/17	6.30pm 7.00pm	Small Group Study (PHUL) Work Crew
Wednesday	3/18	10.00am 7.00pm	Small Group Study (PHUL) Tablet of your Heart (Nave)
Thursday	3/19	10.00am 10.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm	ECW Meeting (off-site) Holy Eucharist (Cardinal Village) Living Sober (PHLL) Vestry Meeting (PHUL)
Friday	3/20	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross (Nave)
Saturday	3/21	4.30pm 5.30pm 7.00pm	Adult Formation (Nave) Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Nave) Alcoholics Anonymous (PHLL)
Sunday	3/22	8.00am 9.00am 10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Nave) Formation Hour (PH) Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Nave) Kitchen of Hope Banquet (off-site)

Lectionary readings for next week: *1 Samuel 16:1-13, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41, Psalm 23*

Please continue in your daily prayers for: *Dennis, Mary, Marge, Denise, John, Lisa, Rylie, Kathy, Melissa, Don, Brad, Ginny, Joann, Talby, Lou, Jennifer, Valenshe'a, Chester, Matt, Tim*

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